

October 25, 2022 – EMPIRE VILLAGE COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

President Davis called the Regular Meeting to order, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Bacon at 7:00 p.m. at the Empire Township Hall. Upon a roll call, Council members Bacon, Barr, Chase, Davis, Dye, Palmer and Rademacher were present. Clerk Smith was also present.

CHANGES/ADDITIONS TO AGENDA – Dye added Union St. update under Old Business and Bacon added Gateway Corridor Representative under New Business.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA - Motion by Dye, support by Palmer to approve the agenda as amended. Upon a voice vote, MOTION PASSED.

PRESENTATION – Linda Payment, Beautification Committee, described a champion tree clone of a Norway Maple, once located on Front St., which was planted at the beach in memory of Dave McClary and donated by Nancy Crow. The sign commemorating this tree has deteriorated and she presented a new one that the Village has purchased as a replacement.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS – Erin Teubner commented on the Street Closure request and minutes. Heather Caverly commented on the water collecting on corner of Front and Union by her property since the road has been repaved.

CONSENT AGENDA – Motion by Dye, support by Chase to approve the minutes of the September 27, 2022, Regular Meeting, the October 13, 2022, Work Session, and the October bills totaling \$ 6,458.52. ROLL CALL: Ayes: Bacon, Barr, Chase, Davis, Dye, Rademacher. Nays: Palmer. MOTION PASSED.

REVIEW OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – Treasurer's report and Revenue & Expenditures report were received. Bacon commented on the added detail regarding wages for brush pile. Palmer questioned whether grant reimbursement has been made. Smith noted such request cannot be made until 50K in expense has been reached.

COMMUNICATIONS – None.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS – DPW report was received.

COUNCIL MEMBER /COMMITTEE REPORTS – Bacon reviewed the recent Tree Committee meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

WATER RATES – Motion by Rademacher, support by Barr to rescind Resolution 2022-09 and replace with 2022-09A regarding Water Rates. ROLL CALL: Ayes; Bacon, Barr, Chase, Davis, Dye, Palmer, Rademacher. Nays: None. MOTION PASSED.

GENERATOR FOR WATER SYSTEM – Rademacher reviewed a letter from the Leelanau Conservancy from 2002 granting the easement for Well #4. **Motion by Bacon, support by Rademacher to authorize Davis to contact the Conservancy about approval for any needed changes at that location. ROLL CALL: Ayes: Bacon, Barr, Chase, Davis, Dye, Palmer, Rademacher. Nays: None. MOTION PASSED.** Davis will contact the Conservancy and report back to Council.

UNION STREET UPDATE – Dye questioned whether Union St. has been completed. There was discussion of water puddles in several areas and whether a drain is safe for motorists. Davis will contact Gosling Czubak for review of the issues discussed. Barr noted the Street Committee had reviewed the entire project and the areas questioned had been noted. Now that the drain has been completed, the puddle in front of the Township Hall is draining appropriately.

NEW BUSINESS

WATER SYSTEM RELIABILITY STUDY & GENERAL PLAN AND ASSET MANAGEMENT DRAFT – There was discussion of several areas of the draft including questions for Gosling Czubak. Rademacher suggested that any comments be put in writing and provided to the President and Clerk to forward to Gosling Czubak. A review will be scheduled for a future meeting.

FRONT STREET CLOSURE REQUEST – **Motion by Dye, support by Palmer to approve the request to close Front St. between LaRue and Lake Streets from noon Nov. 4 thru 5 p.m. Nov. 6 for a celebration of Beryl Skrocki's life made by EACC, the Chamber of Commerce and the Skrocki family. ROLL CALL: Ayes: Bacon, Barr, Chase, Davis, Dye, Palmer, Rademacher. Nays: None. MOTION PASSED.** An Emergency Management report has been requested by Dye and will be sent to the Village office. **Motion by Bacon, support by Barr to waive the permit fee for this event. ROLL CALL: Ayes: Bacon, Barr, Davis, Dye, Palmer, Rademacher. Nays: None. MOTION PASSED.**

GATEWAY CORRIDOR REPRESENTATIVE – Davis described this group and a recent meeting that he, Dye and Palmer had attended. **Motion by Bacon, support by Barr to approve the President, or their designee, as the Village Council's representative to this group. ROLL CALL: Ayes: Bacon, Barr, Chase, Davis, Dye, Palmer, Rademacher. Nays: None. MOTION PASSED.** **Motion by Bacon, supported by Dye for the Village Council to research the FLAP grant immediately. Ayes: Bacon, Barr, Chase, Davis, Dye, Palmer, Rademacher. Nays: None. MOTION PASSED.**

PUBLIC COMMENT – Linda Payment commented on stump removal and County AARPA funds. Jeff Hemingway commented on a junk complaint and application for the Zoning Administrator position.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENT – None.

ADJOURNMENT at 7:52 p.m.

Derith Smith Empire Village Clerk

These minutes were approved at the November 10, 2022, Regular Council meeting.